

Interview with WALTER L. PFORZHEIMER and LAWRENCE HOUSTON,
Nov. 17, 1982
Unrecorded portion of interview:

April 17, 1947--decided to show draft of DCI's statement before Cong. comms to Sidney Shallett of NYT. This illustrated Vandenberg's proclivity of going to the experts for advice, of not isolating himself. To Pforz, this was another reason for Vandenberg's effectiveness.

the flap over the France-Soir article stemmed from the fact that the Fr paper had broken the news of Hillenkoetter's selection as new DCI even before US Cong or US press had been informed. This embarrassed no one more than Hillenkoetter but caused no real probs in the Cong.

the Senate closed hearing on Apr. 29 went very well. Pforz. could not remember anything outstanding abt this session, even after being explicitly asked abt it.

✓ the drafting staff of the House comm. reinserted the provision re "no police powers" back into the legislation. It had inadvertently been left out during the numerous redrafts of the proposed bill. But the comm. also added its own original touch by adding a prohibition vs. supoenā powers. [no - Houston had]

✓ Pforz. himself wrote in the provision, rather late in the proceedings, re the DCI's authority to terminate any officer at any time. That is, fairly late in the House's consideration of the bill.

✓ Pforz. was emphatic that the "special operations" referred to in his notes of July 2 & 3 referred only to covert collection.

Pforz. then charac terized each of the members of the House comm, at which pt. the tape once again begins. Of the ones not on the tape, the ones which stand out in my mind are:
--Walter Judd: could not be counted upon, tho he usually voted with the CIA. [redacted]

--Carter Manasco--a much underrated congressmen who was a friend to the CIA.

--John McCormack: clearly holds a place of affection in Pforz's estimation. McCormack would talk at length w/ Pforz; when Pforz would go in to see him for 3 minutes, McCormack would have him stay for 30. McCormack very valuable in instructing Pforz. how to ease things thru Cong, whom and how to stroke, how to operate effectively in Cong.

near the end of Vandenberg's time as DCI, his heart really wasn't in the job, for he was looking forward to setting up the Air Force. Consequently, he spent a great daeal of time on AF matters. But then Pforz. quickly and repeatedly said that I should not take this to mean that Vandenberg was ignoring his duties as DCI. "He was a big enough man to do both jobs." Nonetheless, the impression I got was one of a certain amt. of drift in the spring of 1947.

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Hillenkoeter's principal prob. was his relatively junior rank and standing both w/ Cong and w/ his service colleagues. Pforz. feels affectionate toward Hillenkoetter and served as a pallbearer at Hilley's funeral this past summer. The only hint he gave that Hilley might have been less than totally effective was in this remark abt. Hilley's jr. rank.